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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation between []

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1. [] called at my office at my request on 17 January 1952. I informed him that we had received additional information concerning the origin of the UP press item from Rome which appeared recently and which stated that according to the NCFA the regime in Albania was tottering and it would be further weakened if Greece, Italy and Yugoslavia were to make declarations of no intention to attack Albania. I explained that item was lifted by the press from the NCFE periodic news bulletin put out by the New York element of the Committee, that the bulletin was prepared under the joint direction of the OPC and SIS representatives in Rome, and that this particular item represented action taken by the propaganda sub-committee in accordance with decisions reached at the CIA-SIS Rome meeting last October. On hearing this explanation, [] indicated that he believed that the question could now be considered closed, and his original interest stemmed from an inquiry from London as to whether the news item should be used over the BBC.

2. I then told [] that I had noted several indications that possibly a difference of views had developed between SIS and ourselves in regard to the FIEND/VALUABLE operation, and that I was anxious to determine whether there was anything behind this apparent lack of complete rapport. As an example, I cited the fact that Zef Pali, having stopped in London on his way from New York to Rome, had announced on arrival in Rome that he had it on very good authority that both the British and Americans had decided to limit activities with respect to Albania to propaganda only and that no operations were to take place. I pointed out that if any change of policy toward Albania is impending in Britain we would greatly appreciate having such advance notice of it as SIS may be able to give us in order that we may be able to correct our plans accordingly. [] undertook to look into this matter and determine whether London shared my view that our relationships were possibly slightly strained in regard to FIEND/VALUABLE. If this turns out to be the case, [] will determine what is the matter.

[] Deputy for Policy Coordination, SE

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